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The New York Herald gives these figures: There are over 10,000 rum-shops in the city of New York; one to every 126 inhabitants; one to every 95 families. There are 1000 bakers, 2000 butchers, 4000 grocers. Of these 10,000 rum-shops 9000 are licensed, and a moderate estimate gives the illicit shops and places where rum—which is the comprehensive term for drinks of all kinds—is sold at 1000.

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Gov. Crittendon has pardoned Clarence Hite, a noted member of the James gang, who pleaded guilty to the charge of train robbery in February, 1882, and was sentenced to 25 years imprisonment. The pardon was issued on the recommendation of the penitentiary physicians and Board of Inspectors. Hite is in the last stage of consumption, and since his incarceration has been in the hospital two-thirds of the time. Accompanied by his brother-in-law he has started for his father's home in Logan county, Kentucky.

There is much speculation as to the effect of Hite's pardon upon Frank James' prospects. It is believed that if he went on the witness stand or made a deposition he could send James to the penitentiary.

New York City has 10,000 drinking saloons, and it is proposed by the temperance people to have the number reduced to 2000.

## TRANSITION FROM COTTON TO MIXED FARMING.

Our Southern journals and city farmers scold the working farmers of the South a great deal about making mostly cotton and but little corn and pork, and what is said is all well enough so far as it goes. But who can tell the poor farmer, who is working on poor land, has no credit, no corn, no pork, no friends who can help him, how he can sustain himself the first year that he drops cotton and takes up corn, potatoes and pork? Here is where farmers want advice. Who can come to their aid? The farmer knows better than his well-fed advisers how he stands in need of a full corn crib and plenty of potatoes and pork. He knows how he could yearly make an abundance of provisions for home use and forage for his stock and some to sell, if he could but make his lands rich and get a start. On poor land it is as much as a farmer with one or two hogs can do to make a year's supply of corn, potatoes and peas, and make a spring and fall garden, without making any cotton at all. On rich land a man and two hogs can make the home supplies and from six to ten bales of cotton besides, and perhaps have corn, peas and potatoes to sell. Whoever will settle this transition question will give the farmer the key to future prosperity.

Capt. Put. Darden, Master of the Mississippi State Grange, P. of H., says that the farmers of Mississippi are yearly getting poorer and poorer on cotton, and lieus, and mortgages, and for the want of the true key to mixed farming they still cling to cotton.

The first step to be taken by farmers in making the change from cotton to corn: If they are on poor land, they must turn their attention intensely to fertilizers to grade up their lands, so that they will produce two, three or four times as much as they now do. The poor lands of the State all need vegetable matter. Peavines are the cheapest of vegetable fertilizers, but the first year the farmer cannot wait for peas to grow to give him his first crop of provisions. He must scrape up rotten leaves, rotten wood and rich mud from ravines, and decayed matter that can be found on the place; haul it on his poor lands and dump it down in cart loads to remain until ploughing time; then spread it broadcast and plough and harrow thoroughly. Out down useless saplings and waste timber of any kind; burn it in a dry time and at once scatter the ashes on the poor spots. Like marl and lime, the ashes will make their mark on the crops for 10 or 15 years. A ton of dissolved bone, with three or four tons of ashes, well mixed, the whole moistened with water, will greatly increase the fertility of 10 acres, and will insure a good crop of corn and peas the same year. Superphosphate, mixed with well-rotted barn-yard manure, is a speedy way to get a crop from poor lands. Plant whippoorwill peas as early in the spring as frosts will permit and get two crops the same year. Sow from two to four bushels speckled or whippoorwill peas to the acre, and plow in the vines when they are in blossom. Then at once sow again, and plow in in October. Then sow winter rye, and plow it in. This is a quick and clean way to enrich land or supply humus. The poor farmer must make his lands rich as quickly as possible with such means and credit as he can command; he must have corn, potatoes, oats and peas to sell as soon as possible, and to fatten his hogs, and feed his mules and chickens beside. All this needs calculation, study, judgment, industry and close economy. If a farmer works hard, buys at the

stores only the necessities of life, deals honestly with all men, and is a good citizen, and don't patronize the saloons, he can usually get a little credit to help him to get a start.

Farmers on rich land can change from cotton to mixed crops at once, and have corn, peas, potatoes, and bacon, hay and oats to sell in place of cotton, and get more profits than from cotton. But it takes pluck and energy to get away from cotton, whether on poor lands or rich lands.—American Farmer.

**AU REVOIR.**

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We'll miss thee, Paul, in the long summer evenings, When we gather to work, as we used to with you, And our thoughts will fly back on the white wings of Memory, To that spring tide eve when you bade us adieu.

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Ripley, March, 1883.

We understand that one of our leading merchants will soon start an egg farm near this city. He says: "There's millions in it." He will be assisted by a large company of hens and roosters.—[Birmingham Age.

The great meteor which was seen in Connecticut and Rhode Island on the night of the 27th of February seems to be worth more than a passing notice, especially since it is now learned that another meteor, closely resembling it in size and in the startling effects it produced, was seen in Mississippi and Alabama a few weeks before. It will be remembered that two or three sheiks, which were believed to be earthquake sheiks, closely followed the appearance of the Connecticut meteor. Some persons who were awake and out of doors at the time believed that the sheiks resulted from the concussion of the air caused by the explosion of the meteor. This opinion seems to be supported by the phenomena attending the meteor seen in Mississippi. That, too, appeared to explode, and, following the explosion, houses were violently shaken, and a great noise was heard. The earth appears to have been running of late through a region abounding in large meteors, for half a dozen of these celestial bombs have been seen in this country since the beginning of the winter, to say nothing of the ordinary shooting stars, some of which may be seen on any clear night.—New York Sun.

Is failure has been the reward of those who have discarded the all-cotton system, then there might be good ground for complaint—but the contrary has been the case, with scarce a single exception. The croakers of this country are the all-cotton men—the diversified farmers are "flourishing like the green bay tree."—[Planter's Journal.

In some localities in this country the drain of cattle has been so great that some farmers are holding cows and calves—ordinary country-bred stock, at \$40. The same cattle, 12 months ago, were worth about \$12 to \$15. And still the drain goes on.—[Corinth Herald.

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